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U.S. Embassy Ankara issued the following warden message on November 22:

The Embassy wishes to alert Americans in Turkey to two events occurring the last week of November.

Pope Benedict XVI will visit Turkey between November 28 and December 1. It is expected that there will be large gatherings of people wishing to see the Pope as he carries out his schedule in Ankara, Ephesus and Istanbul during this period. While there is no firm information available about any demonstrations against the Pope, there may be gatherings to protest his visit.

The other event we want to alert Americans to is the anniversary of the founding of the PKK on November 27. On this date, unauthorized gatherings are likely to occur in cities throughout Turkey.

The Department of State advises U.S. citizens traveling or residing in Turkey to be alert to the potential for violence, to avoid those areas where disturbances have occurred, and to avoid demonstrations and large gatherings. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Public Announcements, and Travel Warnings can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U. S., or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

Contact information for the U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Turkey:

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